

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:16p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (By Telephone), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Council President Yeargin

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Love and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the agenda. The motion carried and was approved by the Council.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. Grocery Store Property Tax Credit-Mayor Eugene W. Grant**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that Mr. Arrington sent an e-mail to Mayor Grant regarding PG409-19 as the draft legislation for the County to grant by law a Property tax credit for the grocery store to receive for a Healthy Food Area.
- The grocery store must be eligible for construction or renovation of an existing grocery store and more of the 50% of the total sales must derived by food sales and the floor space must be 50% of food sales.
- They are amending Annotated Code of Maryland Section 9-318 (h). If approved by the delegation the effective date will be effective by June 2020. The current draft legislation does not provide details of when the construction should be completed.

- Councilmember McCarthy stated that she feels the City of Seat Pleasant should write a letter of support of the legislation for the draft legislation.
- Councilmember Jones wanted to know the status of the grocery store coming into the City of Seat Pleasant. Mrs. Wallace stated that Mayor Grant reported on the status of the grocery store that SPICE reviewed the proposal and the Board Members of SPICE feels that the grocery store was not a good deal for the City. The grocery store was not bringing any revenue and the risk is on the City and the County that was covering the expenses for the store.
- Councilmember Love wanted to know if the City of seat Pleasant could offer a tax credit or benefit for another grocery store chain in the city. Mrs. Wallace stated that the city could offer some tax benefits. Mrs. Wallace stated that this is a start for the County to bring some grocery stores in the city.
- Councilmember Sistrunk stated that the demographics of the area will not send reputable companies into the city. The county had prolonged their commitment on the grocery store deal, which made the deal fall through. Councilmember Sistrunk stated that she feels that we need to have a conversation with Aldi's to see if they are willing to expand to service the area.
- Councilmember McCarthy stated that she does not support the city giving the grocery store an additional tax credit because the city police department would need to service them.
- The City Council requested for Mrs. Wallace to schedule a meeting with SPICE Board of Directors and to request that they provide the City Council with an update at the next Council meeting.
- It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the County Resolution PG409-19. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- The City Council requested for Mrs. Wallace to contact the corporate office of Aldi to bring them to the table for a meeting regarding the grocery store.

### **3. REPORTS:**

#### **3.1. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Grant was absent from the meeting and did not submit a written report.

#### **3.2. Chief Operating Officer**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that her report provides the City Council with an update on meeting the department heads regarding the strategic plan. She will be meeting with DPW and Economic Development for a status update.
- The Police Department met the criteria of decreasing the crime, the increase of the finances was not met due to the \$600,000 being transferred to the Economic Development Dept.
- The Public Engagement has increased the events within the city from 11 events to 46 which is increase by 70%.
- The City Clerk stated that it is challenge with scanning the documents of the years for the City and she will be requesting additional staffing in the next budget.
- Councilmember Sistrunk has requested Ms. Plater to schedule a meeting with the Finance and Budget Committee to provide the cost of staff attending the events.

### **3.3. City Council Committee Reports**

- Councilmember McCarthy stated that the Public Safety committee met on November 19, 2018 and they reviewed four sections of the code. The committee and staff will meet to conduct research and to meet with the City attorney. The NCC has been moved to Economic Development and the job description was provided to the committee. The committee will be reviewing the code as it pertains to Public Safety.

## **4. LEGISLATION**

### **4.1. None**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5.1. None**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1. Seat Pleasant Youth Council**

- Councilmember McCarthy stated that document for the Youth Council was put into the Government Affairs & Technology committee to meet to discuss the Youth Council in October 2018. She wanted to know when the committee will be meeting to review and discuss the Youth Council.
- Councilmember Maxwell stated that the committee can have a conference call meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:00am. The City Council requested for City Clerk Lanham to provide the committee with the Conference Call Telephone Number.

## **6.2. National Day of Mourning-US President Directive**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that Former President HW Bush had passed and the State, Federal had declared as a State of Emergency.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Jones to declare the City as a National Day of Mourning. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

## **7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1. Public Session, Monday, December 10, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00p.m.

7.2. Regular Work Session, Monday, January 7, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00pm

7.3. Public Session, Monday, January 14, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00pm

7.4. Vision Board Party, Saturday, January 19, 2019, Seat Pleasant Fire Co., 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

7.8 State of the City Address, Monday, January 28, 2019, Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Rd., Capitol Heights, MD from 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

**ADJOURN**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk